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**CONCURSUL JUDEȚEAN
DE CULTURĂ ȘI CIVILIZAȚIE BRITANICĂ „QUEEN VICTORIA”**

CLASA a IX-a

I. Circle the correct answer:

1. What was the name of the new church that Henry VIII established in order to obtain a divorce when the Catholic Church refused him one?

- A. Lutheran Church B. Wesleyan Church C. Church of England D. Calvinist Church

2. Henry VIII became king in which year?

- A. 1526 B. 1509 C. 1506 D. 1511

3. Who was the mother of Mary Tudor?

- A. Anne of Cleves B. Catherine Howard C. Anne Boleyn D. Catherine of Aragon

4. Who succeeded Henry VIII in 1547?

- A. Henry IX B. Edward VI C. Elizabeth I D. Richard III

5. Which was the first battle in the War of the Roses?

- A. The Battle of Northampton B. The Second Battle of Lincoln C. The Battle of Hastings
D. The Battle of St Albans

6. Who fought each other in the Wars of the Roses?

- A. England and Normandy B. Norway and France C. Houses of York and Lancaster
D. England and Scotland

7. What new royal house took control at the end of the Wars of the Roses?

- A. Tudor B. Stuart C. Hanover D. Windsor

8. Who was king for most of the Wars of the Roses?

- A. Richard I B. William I C. Edward IV D. Richard III

9. Where did Henry Tudor defeat Richard III? Richard was killed on this battlefield, ending his short reign.

- A. Barnet B. Bosworth C. Tewkesbury D. Northampton

10. Edward proved to be a sickly king and died in 1553 at only fifteen years of age. Who did he leave his throne to?

- A. Jane Grey B. Mary Tudor C. Elizabeth Tudor D. John I

11. Who is the current head of The House of Windsor?

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12. In a constitutional monarchy such as Britain's, the powers of the monarch are:

- A. limited by the constitution B. unlimited/absolute C. there is no democracy D. limited by the Parliament

13. Who is the head of state of Canada?

- A. The President of the USA B. The Queen of England C. The President of Canada D. The Prime Minister of Canada

14. The British Prime Minister lives at:

- A. 10 Downing Street B. 11 Whitehall C. 12 Oxford Street D. 10 Trafalagar Square

15. Beowulf defeats Grendel's mother by using a giant, magical

- A. bow and arrow B. dagger C. sword D. knife

16. Who comes to Beowulf's aid in the dragon fight and then becomes the future Geat king?

- A. Aeschere B. Hygelac C. Wiglaf D. Grendel

17. Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* opens with the upcoming marriage of which couple?

- A. Hermia and Lysander B. Oberon and Titania C. Theseus and Hippolyta D. Helena and Demetrius

18. What does Puck transform Nick Bottom into?

- A. A fairy B. An ass C. A goat D. A butterfly

19. Which character does Titania fall in love with because of Oberon's potion?

- A. Bottom B. Lysander C. Peter Quince D. Theseus

20. How does Puck prevent Demetrius and Lysander from fighting?

- A. By freezing them
B. By squeezing the love potion onto their eyelids
C. By mimicking their voices and causing each to get lost in a separate part of the forest
D. By casting a spell on them

21. What is the purpose of the prologue in *Pyramus and Thisbe*?

- A. To inform the ladies that the suicide is not real
B. To inform the ladies that the lion is not real
C. To inform the ladies that the play happens in the moonlight.
D. To inform the ladies that no swords will be used

22. In what year was Shakespeare born?

- A. 1563 B. 1564 C. 1616 D. 1584

23. What was special about the people of Brobdingnag?

- A. They were giants B. They were small
C. They were mad D. They were intelligent

24. How does the author of *Gulliver's Travels* intend the conflicts of Lilliputians to seem to the reader?

- A. terribly tragic B. perfectly ordinary
C. surprisingly complex D. remarkably ridiculous

25. Gulliver winds up on an island named Laputa. What is strange about this island?

- A. tiny people live on it
- B. giants live on it
- C. pirates live on it
- D. The island floats in the air

26. The first creatures that Gulliver saw on the land of the Houyhnhnms were the Yahoos. How were the Yahoos described?

- A. Hairy, dirty, deformed humans
- B. Three-legged humanoids
- C. Goat-like tree climbing squirrels
- D. Talking cows

27. How did Gulliver describe the Houyhnhnms and their society?

- A. rational, wise, virtuous
- B. superstitious, fanciful
- C. proud, corrupt
- D. paranoid, aggressive, provoking

28. Everything on Laputa was poorly made. Gulliver found that:

- A. the Laputans were lazy
- B. the Laputans were too busy thinking
- C. the Laputans couldn't read
- D. the Laputans were not too clever

29. How does Gulliver leave Brobdingnag?

- A. he builds himself a sailboat
- B. he is exiled
- C. he is carried away by a giant eagle
- D. he is taken back to England by Don Pedro

30. Gulliver's travels literary genre is

- A. adventure and fantasy
- B. romances
- C. fantasy and satire
- D. horror

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1. The Commonwealth was formally constituted by the London Declaration in what year?
A. 1950 B. 1945 C. 1943 D. 1949
2. The Commonwealth consists of how many member states?
A. 48 B. 59 C. 54 D. 55
3. Which of the following countries does not belong to the Commonwealth?
A. Canada B. Togo C. Solomon D. Uganda
4. As a rule, all member states have been subject to direct or indirect British rule or have had close administrative links to other Commonwealth countries. Which member, a former Portuguese colony, is the only exception?
A. Cyprus B. Mozambique C. Belize D. Tonga
5. How often are the Commonwealth Games held?
A. every five years B. every year C. every two years D. every four years
6. The former colonies that formed the basis for the ‘Commonwealth of nations’ adopted by prime ministers at the 1926 Imperial conference were previously known as what?
A. British fiefdoms B. British treasures
C. British subjects D. British dominions
7. Where was Henry VI murdered?
A. The Tower of London B. Bosworth Field C. Westminster Abbey D. Bamburgh Castle
8. Who was the first Lancaster king to rule England?
A. Richard of Cornwall B. Henry IV C. Edmund Crouchback D. John of Gaunt
9. Who was the last English monarch to have been killed in the battle of "The War Of Roses"?
A. Richard I of England B. Richard III of England C. John, King of England D. Harold Godwinson
10. Edward IV, the son of Richard of York, won the Battle of Towton in 1461 and gained the throne. What else was significant about it?
A. It was the bloodiest battle ever fought on English soil
B. Only 200 men were involved
C. It was the shortest battle ever fought on English soil
D. It was fought on Edward's birthday
11. Henry Tudor married this Yorkist, thus uniting the Houses of York and Lancaster:
A. Anne Neville B. Elizabeth of York C. Mary of York D. Margaret of York
12. Who led the Lancastrian forces during the Wars of the Roses?
A. Henry VI B. Margaret of Anjou C. Edward IV D. Richard, Duke of York

13. In what year was the Battle of Tewkesbury fought?

- A. 1470 B. 1471 C. 1485 D. 1487

14. Which kings were restored to the throne, after losing it?

- A. Henry VI B. Edward IV C. Edward V D. Richard III

15. Richard Duke of York first served as Lord Protector in 1453/4 because Henry VI was...

- A. Away on crusade in the Holy Land B. Captured and imprisoned in France
C. Incapacitated due to mental illness D. Visiting Rome to pay homage to the new Pope Nicholas V

16. At which battle in 1487, sometimes considered the final battle of the Wars of the Roses, did Henry VII defeat the last large Yorkist rebellion?

- A. Battle of Barnet B. Battle of Wakefield
C. Battle of Blore Heath D. Battle of Stoke Field

17. Henry VIII's longed for a son and on 12th October 1537 one was finally born. Henry was jubilant and named the boy of someone he admired. Who was it?

- A. Jane's brother Edward Seymour B. Edward the Confessor
C. His maternal grandfather, Edward IV D. His Plantagenet ancestor, Edward III

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- A. Father B. Mother C. Brother D. Sister

22. How did Hrothgar reward Beowulf for killing the second demon?

- A. Twelve treasures were awarded to him B. He was made king of the kingdom C. Hrothgar gave him land
D. Beowulf got his pick of any woman in the land

23. Which of the following is NOT one of the fairy servants in 'A Midsummer night's dream'?

- A. Mustardseed B. Cobweb C. Moth D. Dandelion

24. Bottom's head is transformed by the mischievous Puck into ...

- A. A goat B. A donkey C. A lion D. A chicken

25. What is the title of the Mechanicals' play?

- A. Troilus and Cressida B. Pyramus and Thisbe C. Oscar and Lucinda D. Hermia and Lysander

26. Who says 'the course of true love never did run smooth' in the play?

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29. The argument between the Big-Endians and the Small-Endians was about ...

- A. Ships
- B. Eggs
- C. Shoes
- D. Politics

30. After returning home to England, with what race from all his travels did Gulliver equate Englishmen?

- A. The people of Glubbdubdrib
- B. Houyhnhnms
- C. Yahoos
- D. The people of Lilliput

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